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1. (U) This note provides feedback on today's meeting with Dr. Anita Jones, DDR&E.

a. The meeting was at her request, as a follow-on to the STAR GATE briefing the DR hosted with Dr. Perry and Dr. Deutch.

b. Incidentally, Dr. Jones has been confirmed.

2. (S/NF) We used the same basic materials for this briefing as we did for Dr. Perry. Dr. Jones was very attentive and asked excellent technical questions, which [REDACTED] were able to handle easily.

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a. We have no outstanding actions as a result of today's meeting.

b. At the onset of the meeting, we admitted to Dr. Jones we were ~~in~~ not sure of her specific area of interest and purpose for hearing the briefing; therefore, we included a range of material covering all aspects of the unit's activities.

c. Dr. Jones never said why she was receiving the briefing, other than Dr. Deutch requested her to hear it. At the end of the hour-long session, which was very cordial and professional, Dr. Jones indicated she would be getting back to Dr. Deutch. Should we obtain additional feedback, we will promptly provide it.

3. (S/NF) The tone and candor of our presentation were the same as we did for Dr. Perry.

a. As we discussed the external research portion, we reinforced the points the DR made to Dr. Perry, i.e., that this external research activity is something we are not comfortable with and is done at Congressional direction, partially in recognition that we do not have any comparable DoD work at any of our S&TI Centers.

b. Dr. Jones understood and was interested in the level of effort we had expended on external research. These questions were answered on the spot.

c. We used an analogy with Dr. Jones that may be useful to share with you, for potential hip pocket information. In explaining why we were doing the external research, we made the point that our contractors were analogous to ARPA in that they undertook and sponsored research in support of our project. Dr. Jones readily understood this analogy. She also understood why this was

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different from other foreign technical matters where we have experts at the Centers for aerospace, ground systems, and so forth.

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4. (U) In summary, Dr. Jones was a very attentive audience, asked professional questions, and demonstrated some knowledge of the area. [REDACTED] expertise and ability to discuss technical developments and respond to questions resulted in a positive image of DIA in this particular field. Dr. Jones also recognizes the political and other sensitivities involved in our efforts and the tightrope we walk to ensure a proper balance, documented program, and objective approach to the subject.

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